

CLAIMS

31. **(Previously Allowed – Amended)** A method of treating a left ventricular aneurysm by inserting [the] a flexible sac [of claim 20] having a predetermined volume capacity in the left ventricle of the heart, as an addition to or step of a conventional operative repair of a left ventricular aneurysm.
32. **(Previously allowed - Amended)** A method of treating a ventricular septal defect by inserting [the] a flexible sac [of claim 20] having a predetermined volume capacity in the left ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the mitral valve and to the annulus of the aortic valve.
33. **(Previously allowed - Amended)** A method of treating primary pulmonary hypertension by inserting [the] a flexible sac [of claim 20] having a predetermined volume capacity in the right ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the tricuspid valve and to the annulus of the pulmonic valve.
34. **(Previously allowed - Amended)** A method of treating rupture of the ventricle by inserting [the] a flexible sac [of claim 20] having a predetermined volume capacity in the ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the inflow valve and to the annulus of the outflow valve.